

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Leaves aren't the only way to identify a tree! Characteristics like a tree's bark, flowers and fruit can also be important in figuring out a tree's identity.

Some trees have unique bark colors or textures, while others have bright and vibrant flowers. Some trees even have fruit and seeds like apples and acorns!



Every tree has a feature that makes it special, but it is up to us to recognize them. Trees are constantly changing, like how many lose their leaves in the fall. It is important to know their different traits to fully understand and appreciate the diverse world of trees around us.

ABOUT US!

An arboretum is a living library of different plant and tree species. The arboretum here just also happens to be a college campus! Our mission is to create bonds between the land and those who visit it. This involves protecting our diverse tree collection as well as offering educational programs that allow the community to engage with their environment. We hope you enjoy your visit and are able to appreciate the rich beauty of this land!



BASIC TREE IDENTIFICATION



Uncover the secret identities of the trees on campus and discover their unique stories. Fun for the entire family!

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★ oak trees

The arboretum is known for its large collection of oak trees. The main groups of oak trees on campus are red and white oaks. Some red oak species you may see are the willow oak and the pin oak and some examples of white oaks are the swamp white oak and the bur oak. One of our oldest trees on campus is the bur oak by the library!



red oak

Red oak leaves have pointed segments and bristles (a stiff, sharp hair at the end of their tips). They are named after their slightly red colored wood and leaves in the fall



white oak

Compared to red oaks, white oaks leaves feature rounded segments and do not have bristle tips. Their leaves also turn orange and red in the fall, so the name white oak comes from the color of their wood



eastern redbud

Eastern redbud trees have a distinct heart shaped leaf and pronounced veins. These trees also grow beautiful pink flowers in the spring!



tulip

Most tulip trees have four main segments that end in a pointy tip. During the fall, their leaves turn yellow. Tulip trees are often very tall and straight, like a telephone pole!



ginkgo

Ginkgo trees have two distinct sections and are known for their bright yellow color in the fall. Although they are pretty, some people don't like to get near them because their seeds can produce a strong smell.



elm

It's helpful to look at the base (bottom) of the leaf when looking at an elm tree. As you can see in the picture, its base is uneven. Additionally the edges of elm tree leaves are serrated, or spiky.



sugar maple

Sugar maple leaves look just like the leaf on the Canadian flag. They have five sections with jagged edges. During the fall they turn bright yellow and red. Sugar maples are commonly mistaken for the Norway maple. However, the Norway maple typically has 7 sections and only turns yellow in the fall.